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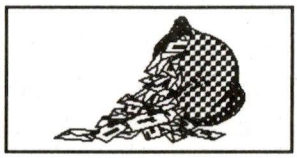
## *ATTENTION ALL RESEARCHERS!!! - CALLS FOR PROPOSALS*

### *FAMILY VIOLENCE RESEARCH CENTRES*



Health and Welfare Canada and SSHRC will jointly support up to three Family Violence and Violence Against Women Research Centres, with each Centre receiving up to $500,000 over five years. Key objectives of the programme include promoting sustained collaboration between academics, community workers, policy makers, and other interested parties; encouraging the transfer of research skills; and developing action-oriented research on family violence and violence against women. Letters of intent must be no more than five (5) pages in length, and they are due in the Office of Research Services no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1992.** Further information is available by calling 4888.

### *FUNDING FOR A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAMME*

The government of Canada will commit $50 million to universities over the next six years to create a Funding Programme for Research and Training in Environmental Studies. The funding will be awarded in three categories, with three different deadlines: Fellowships (late spring '92); Faculty Chairs (summer '92 - tentative); and Ecosystem Research Grants (letters of intent, February '92 - tentative). The programme will be administered by Canada's three granting councils - MRC, NSERC and SSHRC. A complete copy of the News Release, along with names and telephone numbers for contact people, is available from ORS (4888).

### *RESEARCH ON CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AN OPEN ECONOMY*

This is a joint initiative of SSHRC and the Federal Department of Communications, in support of a state-of-the-art review of cultural development in an open economy. The review will assess the strengths and weaknesses of existing research and research capacity within universities, other post-secondary institutions, government, and the private sector. It will also determine where significant research needs and opportunities exist. There will be one award of up to $100,000 for this review. Applications are due in our office no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1992.** For further information, please call 4888.

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## *NSERC - LITHOPROBE*

The budget for University Supporting Geoscience Projects will be at least $950,000 for 1992-1993. Further information is available from ORS, and the deadline for application to our office is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1991.**

## *ACTION CONCERTEE FCAR-CRIQ*

For the 1991-1992 Action concertée programme, there will be a total of $150,000 available. There is Faculty funding under this programme, but the main purpose is to encourage Master's level students to do research in one of CRIQ's labs (Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec), either under the supervision of a university professor or a CRIQ researcher. Faculty applications may be submitted at any time, but student applications must NOT be submitted any earlier than four (4) months prior to the start date of their programme of study. Complete application packages and programme descriptions are available from ORS by calling 4888.

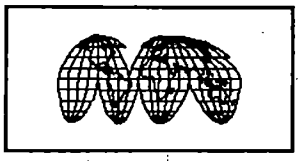
## *CALGARY INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES - SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS*

The University of Calgary offers two fellowships in the traditional Humanities disciplines, such as Languages & Literature, Philosophy, History, Classics, Religious Studies, etc., as well as in the philosophical and historical aspects of the Social Sciences, Arts and Professional Studies. The term of the fellowship is usually one year, and any university Faculty member is eligible to apply in any year after, or in the year immediately prior to, retirement. The deadline for application to ORS is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1992.** Further details are available from this office (4888).

## *PROGRAMMES FOR U.S. CITIZENS ONLY*

There are several programmes offered by NASA, the Department of the Navy (U.S.A.), and the Office of Naval Technology. These fellowships are offered primarily to those researchers in the fields of Engineering and Science. The deadline dates vary depending upon the specific programme, and applicants MUST be American citizens. Further information is available from ORS.

## *RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN JAPAN*



NSERC acts as liaison with Japanese industry and universities by offering several opportunities for Canadians to do research in Japan.
The main fellowships offered are: Science and Technology Agency Fellowships (STAF), with no set deadline; Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), with no set deadline; Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), applications should be sent to host institutions before May '92; and Japan Science and Technology Fund (JSTF), with no set deadline.

The purpose of these various fellowships is give Canadian researchers the opportunity to form research links with Japan. NSERC is the contact agency for further information and procedure, although our office does have some brochures which briefly describe the different fellowships.

## *NSERC POLICY UPDATE*

NSERC has made two policy modifications of particular interest to researchers: 1) they have decided not to proceed with the two-tier operating grants programme which was under consideration last year; and 2) support of collaborative research will be expanded, and there will be an emphasis on transdisciplinary research. In all probability the new collaborative programme will not be implemented until 1993-1994.

## *FCAR UPDATE*

FCAR has announced that as of January '92 its Centre grant application forms will be available on 3 1/2" (720K) diskettes.
Anyone with an IBM or IBM compatible will be able to make use of this diskette. FCAR will still require that applications be submitted to the agency in hard copy, but an electronic version of the form should indeed make the process a lot easier for everyone. It is expected that this exercise will determine whether or not to make all of their applications available electronically.

*As this is likely our last Newsletter this year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season. See you in '92!!*

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